



## BLM Resource Advisory Councils

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# Don Bennett

## Biographical Sketch, Southwest RAC Member

Don Bennett brings his lifelong experiences in ranching, teaching and service in the U.S. Air Force to the Southwest RAC, representing Category 1, federal grazing. Bennett is new to the RAC, having begun his first term in August 2004, and wants to see that Coloradans receive the best and fairest use of their public lands.

Specifically, concerns over the control, distribution and storage of water; responsible use of public lands; and monitoring fish and wildlife numbers brought Bennett to serve citizens of southwestern Colorado. He also commits time to his community as a member of the San Miguel Water Coalition Board and has worked with federal agencies in the past through his activities serving a rural fire district.

While ranching is in Bennett's blood, ATV and horseback riding provide a break from that occupation's never-ending workload.